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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. The cam bolt assembly for using in a vehicle's suspension system to adjust the vehicles wheel alignment comprising:

a threaded fastener defining a pair of longitudinal channels;

first cam plate coupled to the threaded fastener;

second cam plate defining an aperture mated to the pair of longitudinal channels; and

wherein at least one of the first of second cam plates has an arcuate slot configured to mate with a component of the suspension system.

- 2. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 1 wherein the first and second cam plates comprise an arcuate slot.
- 3. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 1 wherein the threaded fastener has a t-shaped cross section.
- 4. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 1 wherein the threaded fastener has a knurl portion configured to mate with the first cam plate.

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5. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 1 wherein the channel

defines a pair of bearing surfaces which mate with a corresponding interior

bearing surfaces within the aperture.

6. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 1 wherein the second

cam plate and the channels defines an interface capable of withstanding 150 nm

of torque.

7. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 1 wherein the threaded

fastener has a diameter of about 14 mm.

8. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 7 wherein the pair of

channels defines a first portion having a thickness of about 8 mm.

9. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 8 wherein the pair of

channels define an inner radius of 2.0 mm.

10. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 7 wherein the pair of

channels defines a second portion has a height of about 8 mm.

11. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 7 wherein the pair of

channels defines inner radius of about 2.0 mm.

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12. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 7 wherein the pair of

channels are defined through threads of the threaded fastener into a central core

portion the threaded fastener.

13. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 7 wherein the threaded

fastener comprises a shoulder portion.

14. The cam bolt assembly according to claim 7 wherein the bolt has a

bolt strength class of 10.9.

15. An automotive vehicle suspension component used to adjust the

vehicles wheel alignment comprising:

a fastener having a first threaded portion defining a pair of

longitudinal channels along a portion of the threaded portion, and a non-threaded

portion;

first cam plate coupled to the non-threaded portion;

second cam plate defining an aperture mated to the pair of

longitudinal channels; and

wherein at least one of the first of second cam plate has an arcuate

slot configured to mate with a component of the suspension system.

16. The suspension component according to claim 15 wherein the first

and second cam plates comprise an arcuate slot.

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17. The suspension component according to claim 15 wherein the

threaded fastener has a t-shaped cross section.

18. The suspension component according to claim 15 wherein the non-

threaded portion has a knurl portion configured to mate with the first cam bolt.

19. The suspension component according to claim 15 wherein the

channel defines a pair of non-threaded bearing surfaces which mate with

corresponding interior bearing surfaces within the aperture.

20. The suspension component according to claim 15 wherein the

threaded fastener has a bolt strength class of greater than 10.9.

21. The suspension component according to claim 15 wherein the

longitudinal channel is partially defined by the non-threaded portion.

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